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SUBJECT: JULY 18 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. ECON SUMMIT

MOST PAPERS CARRY PG-1 STORIES ON CONCLUSION BONN SUMMIT. PRES CARTER EXPRESSED PLEASURE W/MEETING, SAYING AGREEMENT REACHED "EXCEEDED THE EXPECTATIONS OF ALL OF US." GENERAL STRATEGY ADOPTED CALLS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPHASIS ON GROWTH/REDUCED PROTECTIONISM. KEY ELEMENTS OF PACKAGE INCL CARTER'S PROMISE CUT US ENERGY USE/SCHMIDT PLEDGE TO TRY PUSH NEW ECON STIMULATIVE PROGRAM THRU LEGISLATURE/FUKUDA PROMISE REDUCE TRADE SURPLUS.

REPORTS NOTE JAPANESE POSITION MORE SPECIFIC THAN THOSE OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS, W/FUKUDA STATING HE WOULD TAKE "TEMPORARY AND EXTRAORDINARY STEP" OF KEEPING VOLUME JAPANESE EXPORTS IN FY'78 TO SAME

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LEVEL AS PREVIOUS YR. TRADE REP STRAUSS COMMENTED
THAT FUKUDA, IN PRIVATE MEETING, SAID JAPAN WOULD PUT
EXPORT QUOTA LIMITS ON CAR/STEEL/TV SHIPMENTS TO US.
IN WIND-UP COMMENTS, FUKUDA REMARKED THAT IN AUGUST
OR SEPT, HE WILL DETERMINE "WHETHER ADDITIONAL MEASURES"

NEEDED MEET 7 PCT GROWTH TARGET (ROWEN, WP; LEWIS,
NYT; BEHR, SUN; LUKOMSKI, JOC; JANSSEN/LEVINE, WSJ;
POND, CSM - ALL BONN).

2. JAPAN

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS TOSHIBA SAID 7/17 IT WILL
BUILD FACTORY IN NASHVILLE, WHICH LATER THIS YR WILL
BEGIN PRODUCING 150,000-200,000 COLOR TV SETS PER
MONTH FOR US MARKET (NYT).

IN 5-1 DECISION, US ITC REFUSES PLACE SPECIAL TARIFFS
ON WELDED STAINLESS STEEL PIPE/TUBING IMPORTED FROM
JAPAN. COMMISSION SAYS DOMESTIC PRODUCERS NOT INJURED
BY IMPORTS (WP).

NASA DEP DIRECTOR LOVELACE TOLD REPORTERS IN TOKYO
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7/18 THAT HE HAS PROPOSED TO JAPAN'S SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY
AGENCY THAT US/JAPAN ESTABLISH JOINT WORKING CMTE TO
PROMOTE SPACE DEVELOPMENT. LOVELACE ALSO DISCUSSED
POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE SCIENTISTS JOINING US SPACE
SHUTTLE PROJECT (REUTER TOKYO).

CSM'S COWEN SAYS DOE PANEL HAS EXAMINED US PROGRAM
DEVELOP NUKE FUSION POWER/FINDS IT TOO LIMITED.
PANEL URGED COOPERATION W/OTHER NATIONS TO EXPAND
RESEARCH/NOTED JAPAN HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST
IN PUMPING 500-MIL-DOLS INTO US RESEARCH PROGRAM.

GOJ TO GO AHEAD W/PLANS MOVE CONTROVERSIAL NUKE-
POWERED SHIP "MUTSU" TO S JAPAN FOR LENGTHY REPAIRS--
DESPITE LEFTIST THREATS OF VIOLENCE. LOCAL PROTEST
GROUPS, INCL FISHERMEN/LEFT-WING TRADE UNIONISTS,
HAVE VOWED TOUGH ACTION IF SHIP TRIES ENTER SASEBO
PORT (REUTER TOKYO).

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S 5 LARGEST ALUMINUM
SMELTERS LIKELY RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM FAIR TRADE
COMMISSION TO FORM PRODUCTION CARTEL IN ATTEMPT
RETURN THEM TO PROFIT POSITIONS.

JAPAN AIR LINES TO INTRODUCE BEDS FOR LTD NUMBER 1ST-
CLASS PASSENGERS ON TRANSPAC ROUTES 10/1. BED SERVICE
WILL COST BETW 120-148 DOLS MORE PER TICKET, W/ONLY 5

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BEDS MADE AVAILABLE ABOARD EACH PLANE (WSJ).

3. KOREA

SK DEF MIN RO JAE-JYUN LEFT FOR WASHINGTON 7/18 FOR

MEETING W/SECDEF BROWN TO DISCUSS US ARMS AID/OTHER
ISSUES RELATED TO US TROOP PULLOUT (AP, WP).

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4. PHILIPPINES

PHIL DEVEL BANK CONTRACTED MONDAY TO BORROW 49.5 MIL
DOLS IN LONG-TERM LOANS FROM SYNDICATE 14 JAPANESE
COMMERCIAL BANKS (UPI, JOC).

5. SOLOMON ISLANDS

WSTAR'S MCCORMALLY (HONIARA 7/17) DESCRIBES ATMOSPHERE/
FESTIVITIES AS SOLOMON ISLANDS BECAME WORLD'S 150TH
INDEPENDENT NATION AFTER 85 YRS AS BRITISH PROTECTORATE.
NOTES US RECEIVED UNRESERVED TRIBUTE FROM ISLANDS' PM
KENILOREA, WHO SAID US "HAS DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN
THAT IT IS THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH BY SENDING
THE LARGEST DELEGATION." CITES CHIEF DEL MEMBERS,
INCL SEN JOHN GLENN/EA'S HOLBROOKE/AMB OLMSTEAD/6
PERSONAL REPS SENT BY PRES CARTER.

6. HONG KONG

IN REBUTTAL LATE LAST WK TO AMERICAN TEXTILE MFRS INSTITUTE
PRES SMALL, FEDERATION OF HK INDUSTRIES CHRMN WU
DENIED HK IS PART OF ASIAN UNION HARMFUL TO US TEXTILE
INDUSTRY. CLAIMED ASIAN COUNTRIES "COMPETING SERIOUSLY"
W/EACH OTHER/WARNED US PROTECTIONISM NOT ANSWER TO
DOMESTIC INDUSTRY'S PROBLEMS (VEIGA, JOC HK).

JOC REPORT SAYS US-HK TALKS THIS WEEK MAY RESULT IN
TIGHTENED EXPORTS TO US OF HK-MADE WOOLEN APPAREL.
DISCUSSIONS FULFILL TERMS US-HK 5-YR TEXTILE RESTRAINT
PACT, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE 1/1/78. TALKS NOT
CONSIDERED RE-NEGOTIATION, BUT RATHER PERIODICAL
ROUTINE TALKS TO TIE UP LOOSE ENDS OF AGREEMENT AS
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THEY EMERGE.

7. CHINA

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PRC ANNOUNCES CHINESE SPECIALISTS WORKING ON AID PROJECTS IN ALBANIA WILL LEAVE TIRANA FOR HOME THIS WEEKEND (GLOBE 7/17).

"TA KING PAO" PAPER REPORTS NEW OILFIELDS HAVE BEEN FOUND NEAR PRC'S MAIN TACHING OILFIELD (REUTER HK).

RADIO CANTON SAYS SOME OFFICIALS IN KWANGTUNG PROVINCE HAVE BEEN PUNISHED FOR CORRUPTION/ABUSE OF STATE

FUNDS. AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY LAUNCHED INVESTIGATION AFTER WRITTEN COMPLAINTS FROM CITIZENS THAT OFFICIALS WERE USING STATE FUNDS TO THROW PARTIES/FOR OTHER UNAUTHORIZED PURPOSES (REUTER HK).

8. CAMBODIA

CHARGES THAT MILLIONS HAVE BEEN MASSACRED IN CAMBODIA SINCE '75 WERE VEHEMENTLY DENIED MONDAY BY CAMBODIAN DEP PM IENG SARY, WHO WAS REPRESENTING CAMBODIA IN ITS 1ST MTG W/WESTERN JOURNALISTS. SPEAKING AT NEWS CONF JUST BEFORE END OF 4-DAY VISIT TO THAILAND, SARY SAID STORIES OF MASS EXECUTIONS WERE PROPAGANDA PLOYS BY "ENEMIES" OF CAMBODIA/"SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY." "IF WE DID THINKGS LIKE THAT," HE SAID, "THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT." HE DID ADMIT WHOLESALE DENUDING OF CAMBODIAN CITIES, ADDING CAMBODIAN GOVT HAS GIVEN UN DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

SARY ALSO MADE BITTER ATTACK AGAINST VN, WHICH HE SAID WANTED SWALLOW UP CAMBODIA BUT HAD FAILED; HE CHARGED SRV IS THREAT TO PEACE IN ALL SEASIA. IN RESPONSE TO UNCLASSIFIED

QUESTIONS, SARY SAID CAMBODIA WOULD ALLOW ENTRY JOURNALISTS, BUT WOULD SELECT THEM SO THEY "REPORT THE TRUTH." ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT SIHANOUK, SERIOUSLY ILL, WANTS TO TO PEKING. SARY LAUGHED/SAID, "I HAVE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THAT." HE ADDED PRINCE IS CONSIDERED PATRIOTIC PERSONALITY/LIVES IN MANNER OF HEAD OF STATE. NEWS CONF SAID BE PRECEDED BY 2 FILMS DEPICTING GLOWING PIX LIFE IN CAMBODIA/CAMBODIAN TROOPS FIGHTING VIETS (CHITRIB'S YATES; REUTER'S MELUNSKY 7/17--BOTH BANGKOK).

NYT'S KAMM (BANGKOK) QUOTES DIPLO SOURCES THAT RTG HAD PERSUADED SARY NOT MEET W/FON CORRESPONDENTS IN BANGKOK FOR FEAR HE WOULD SPREAD CAMBODIA'S VIEWS ON CONFLICT W/ VN. BUT SAYS SARY USED HIS NEWS CONF FOR SAME RESULT, SINCE HE WAS EXPECTED DEAL W/RESULTS OF HIS TALKS W/THAIS.

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MORE THAN MILLION URBAN VIETS HAVE BEEN SENT TO NEW ECON ZONES/MORE THAN 860,000 ACRES OF LAND CULTIVATED UNDER SCHEME, VIET NEWS AGENCY SAID TUES (REUTER HK).

10. VIETNAM/CHINA

PRC TUES CHARGED VIETS DELIBERATELY TRYING WRECK BORDER CONTROL ACCORD BY DRIVING ETHNIC CHINESE TO BORDER/INDUCING LARGE NUMBERS OF THEM TO STORM CHECKPOINTS (REUTER HK).

11. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

CHITRIB RUNS LARGE AP PHOTO OF REFUGEE CHILDREN BEHIND BARBED WIRE AT SIKIEU CAMP IN THAILAND.

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12. THAILAND

SUN (7/16) RUNS NYT FEATURE ON MECHAI VIRAVAIDYA/HIS COMMUNITY BASED FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, CREDITED IN THAILAND W/BRINGING NATL POP GROWTH RATE DOWN TO 2.5 FROM 3.2 PCT OF EARLY '70S. QUOTES REG COOR OF "UN FUND FOR POP ACTIVITIES" THAT PROGRAM IS UNIQUE IN ENTIRE WORLD, THAT MECHAI HAS "GENIUS FOR MAKING VILLAGERS PARTICIPATE IN FAMILY PLANNING."

MECHAI SAID HE HAS TRIED DESENSITIZE PROBLEM OF BIRTH CONTROL BY MAKING CONTRACEPTIVES HIS INSTRUMENT OF PROPAGANDA. HE BEGAN BY PASSING OUT CONDOMS AT ROTARY LUNCH AND PROCEEDED TO HAND THEM OUT INDISCRIMINATELY LIKE CALLING CARDS--TO PRIME MINISTERS/OTHER FON VISITORS, WAITERS/POLICEMEN.

MECHAI SAYS HIS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE CAME WHEN VISITING N VIET DEL INVITED HIM TO DISCUSS HIS PROGRAM W/THEM--AFTER HE HAD GIVEN THEM T-SHIRTS BEARING BIRTH-CONTROL MESSAGES WHICH THEY PUT ON FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS, PERHAPS BELIEVING THEY WERE PART OF TRADITIONAL THAI HOSPITALITY. HE SAID SUCCESS OF PROGRAM CAMEBY BREAKING THRU TABOOS--"WE HAVE ADDED FUN AND REMOVED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CLINICAL APPROACH TO FAMILY PLANNING."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. CHINA

KARNOW (SUN 7/17) SAYS WHILE OUTLINE OF ESTABLISHING DIPLO RELS W/PEKING VIRTUALLY WRITTEN BY ADMIN SPECIALISTS, IT CANNOT BE SET IN MOTION UNTIL PRES CARTER PUTS HIS PERSONAL WEIGHT BEHIND LOBBYING EFFORTS DESIGNED PREVENT CONGRESS FROM OBSTRUCTING MOVE. AFTER ASIA TOUR, KARNOW

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CONVINCED TIME FOR NORMALIZATION IS NOW, SINCE PRC
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PREPARED MAKE CONCESSIONS FOR NORMALIZATION/NEW TAIWAN REGIME OFFERS SOME ASSURANCE ROC WILL NOT BE DISRUPTED IN WAKE US RECOGNITION OF PEKING. BELIEVES GREATEST OBSTACLE TO NORMALIZATION NOT PRC OR ROC, BUT CONGRESS. STATES TO SUCCEED, PRES MUST PUSH NORMALIZATION AHEAD OF TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO/MIDEAST/SALT.

BAUM (LAT 7/16) SEES SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHRU IN US-PRC RELS AS RESULT RECENT US SCIENTIFIC MISSION'S VISIT. NOTES PRKING-CONTROLLED HK COMMUNIST PRESS TERMED TRIP "MOST SIGNIFICANT" SINCE NIXON'S '72 VISIT. FINDS OPTIMISTIC SIGNALS EMERGING FROM DISCUSSIONS, INCL: PRC WILLINGNESS MOVE AHEAD W/PRC-US COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC VENTURES; GREATER POSSIBILITY FORMAL INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGES W/US UNIVS/RESEARCH INSTITUTES; EVENTUAL FACILITATION FOR EXPLORATION/EXPLOITATION/EXPORTATION PRC'S UNTAPPED ENERGY RESOURCES. ALSO FEELS MISSION--W/LACK OF EMPHASIS ON MIL QUESTIONS--SERVED REASSURE THOSE WHO WERE UNNERVED OVER BRZEZINSKI'S "PLAYING THE CHINA CARD" DURING HIS VISIT. NOTES BREAKTHRU ALSO ACCOMPLISHED W/O OFFENDING/COMPROMISING TAIWAN, AND W/O "TWEAKING THE NOSE OF THE GREAT RUSSIAN BEAR."

IN 7/17 EDIT ENTITLED, "ONE BIG MAO TO GO," PHINQ NOTES PRC HAS BEGUN PROMOTING FAST FOOD IN ORDER SOLVE WHAT CHINESE REFER TO AS "THE EATING PROBLEM." WONDERS WHETHER "DEHYDRATED RICE, MASS-PRODUCED NOODLES AND READY-FOR-THE-WOK PACKAGED DINNERS" HAVE ANY DIPLO SIGNIFICANCE.

WEBBE (CSM) DOES LENGTHY FEATURE ON TAIWANESE DISSIDENTS IN BOSTON. REMARKS CRITICISM OF TAIWAN DISSIDENT GROUPS IN US HAS BEEN GETTING LOUDER, AND THESE GROUPS CONVINCED ROC SPIES FOLLOW THEM EVERYWHERE. CITES PUBLIC DEMONSTRA-
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TIONS RECENTLY IN BOSTON/FRISCO/NY/LA/SEATTLE/CHICAGO--ALL CALLING FOR "POLITICAL FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS" IN TAIWAN. REMARKS BOSTON DEMONSTRATION NOT TAKEN LIGHTLY BY ROC CONSUL THERE, WHO SENT REPORT ON IT TO ROC EMB/ TERMED PROTEST "INSULT TO THE CONSULATE AND MY COUNTRY." DENIED ROC HAS AGENTS IN US SEEKING IDENTITY OF OUTSPOKEN DISSIDENTS, WHO WEAR MASKS AT DEMONSTRATIONS. REVIEWS AMNESTY INTL'S CRITICISM OF TAIWAN'S HR PRACTICES/ROC'S COUNTER TO CHARGES OF HR VIOLATIONS.

CANADIAN-BORN MCGILL U HISTORY PROF PAUL LIN SAYS HE HAS BEEN FOLLOWED/SUBJECTED TO "MASSIVE HARASSMENT" BY FBI

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AGENTS SINCE COMING TO CALIFORNIA. LIN IS VISITING SCHOLAR AT UCLA/HAS INTERESTS IN ESTABLISHING EXCHANGE PROGRAMS W/CHINESE UNIVS. SAYS EVER SINCE HE MADE VISIT TO PRCLO, HARASSMENT STARTED. FBI SPOKESMAN COULDN'T CONFIRM NOR DENY THAT LIN UNDER SURVEILLANCE. LIN TOLD REPORTERS USG SHOULD FAVOR HIS ATTEMPTS TO "BUILD BRIDGES" BETWN US/PRC; BUT THAT NOW HE HAS CONSIDERED DROPPING WHOLE IDEA (REUTER 7/17).

IN WP'S "STYLE" SECTION (7/16), KRIEGSMAN DOES LENGTHY FEATURE ON PRC PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE, WHICH WILL OPEN IN DC AREA THIS WK. ALONGSIDE IS 2ND ITEM BY GWU CHINESE PROF CHUNG-WEN SHIH, WHO EXPLAINS SOME OF WHAT'S IN STORE FOR US AUDIENCES IN TROUPE'S PERFORMANCES.

IN 7/17 ADDRESS TO CALIFORNIA'S CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSN, RONALD REAGAN WARNED THAT "PLAYING THE CHINA CARD" IS DANGEROUS DIPLO GAMBIT. SAID US FRIEND-SHIP W/PRC CAN BE DEVELOPED "WITH CARD," BUT MUST BE DONE SLOWLY/W/O JEOPARDIZING US TIES W/TAIWAN. STATED USE OF WASHINGTON-PEKING ALLIANCE AS LEVERAGE AGAINST USSR UNWISE/"COULD BE A VERY RISKY BUSINESS." EXPRESSED BELIEF NORMALIZATION EFFORTS WILL BE HELD IN CHECK UNTIL AFTER THIS YR'S ELECTIONS, BUT AFTERWARD--POSSIBLY "NEXT

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FEBRUARY" ON 7TH ANNIVERSARY SIGNING OF SHANGHAI COMMUNI-QUE--US MAY MAKE FINAL MOVE TO NORMALIZATION (SALISBURY, CSM).

14. KOREA

CSM EDIT REVIEWS VARIOUS INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGED SKOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING/SAYS THEY SEEM TO BE DWINDLING TO A CLOSE "IN GOOD TIME FOR THE ELECTIONS." OPINES SK SHOULD HAVE SHOWN ITS GOOD FAITH AS ALLY BY ALLOWING KIM DONG JO TESTIFY/EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT W/JAWORSKI'S WILLINGNESS ACCEPT UNSWORN TESTIMONY FROM KIM. FINDS LITTLE RESULTING FROM PROBES/NOTES "BELL OF ETHICAL REFORM SHOULD BE RINGING MORE CLEARLY."

15. ECON SUMMIT

WP EDIT FINDS BONN'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT "IS THAT IS HAS KEPT MATTERS FROM GETTING WORSE." NOTES "PREVAILING MOOD OF CAUTION" AMONG PARTICIPANTS, W/AGREEMENTS NOT GOING BEYOND LONDON SUMMIT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT "THIS YEAR EVERY-ONE IT GOING TO TRY HARDER."

SUN EDIT FINDS CARTER/SCHMIDT/FUKUDA USED SUMMIT TO PROMOTE POLICIES FAVORED BY THEIR GOVTS, BUT RESISTED BY RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES. NOTES ALL 3 ONCE AGAIN ASSUMED

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OBLIGATIONS "THAT WILL DRAW APPLAUSE INTERNATIONALLY AND GROWLS AT HOME." STATES ONLY NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL TELL WHETHER THESE WERE PASSING GESTURES OR POLICY STEPS OF REAL SUBSTANCE.

NYT'S LEWIS (BONN) ANALYZES SUMMIT/SEES MAJOR OUTCOME AS SINCERE HOPE PARTICIPANTS WILL KEEP "FLAME OF INTERNATIONAL
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COOPERATION BURNING," EVEN IF EXPECTATIONS ABOUT WHAT THESE

MEETINGS CAN ACHIEVE ARE LOWER. QUOTES FUKUDA THAT NO MIRACLES EXPECTED, BUT "WHAT WE ARE AFTER IS SIMPLY THAT WE SHOULD STOP CASTIGATING ONE ANOTHER AND CRITICIZING EACH OTHER." LEWIS NOTES "CHASTENED ATMOSPHERE" AT SUMMIT HARDLY SURPRISING, AS WESTERN LEADERS "HAVE CONSISTENTLY FAILED" ACHIEVE SUMMIT OBJECTIVES IN PAST/ARE NOW MORE CAUTIOUS ABOUT WHAT COMMITMENTS THEY MAKE TO MANAGE WORLD ECON.

16. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

WP'S MATHEWS (NANNING 7/16) REPORTS INFLUX UNWANTED REFUGEES TO S CHINA/PEKING'S STEADILY DETERIORATING RELS W/SRV APPEARED TO HIM ON RARE VISIT TO THIS AREA TO HAVE PRODUCED CLIMATE OF UNEASINESS. SAYS PEKING HAS INSISTED MOST OF REFUGEES ARE POOR WORKERS WHO WANT TO DO THEIR BEST FOR MOTHERLAND; BUT CHINESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE REACHED OTHER PARTS SEASIA DISPUTE THIS, DESCRIBING THEM AS HARRIED MASS OF PEOPLE TAKING EASIEST ESCAPE ROUTE FROM VN, BUT HOPING MOVE ON FROM CHINA TO SOME WHERE BETTER (ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOS CHINESE REFUGEES).

17. INDOCHINA

NYT CONTRIBUTOR NORMAN PEAGAM (7/16) NOTES STEADY STREAM OF COMMUNIST ENVOYS TO THAILAND TRYING PRESS THEIR CASE ON THAIS--ARCH-ENEMIES UNTIL RECENTLY--AS THEY VIE FOR RTG'S SUPPORT/NEUTRALITY IN THEIR DISPUTES W/FORMER COMMUNIST ALLIES. GOES INTO LONG HISTORY OF INDOCHINA/ HISTORIC RIVALRIES AMONG PEOPLES THERE. AS NEW ALIGNMENTS FOLLOWING VN WAR TOOK SHAPE, SAYS STAGE SET FOR RENEWAL ANCIENT RIVALRIES. W/CAMBODIA, SAYS SPARK STRUCK IN DISPUTE OVER BORDER W/VN; W/PRC, PRETEXT CHOSEN WAS ALLEGED VICTIMIZATION CHINESE RESIDENTS BY VIETS. NOTES
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OBSERVERS SAY THESE ISSUES COULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY, BUT REAL ISSUES GO MUCH DEEPER/NOT LIKELY BE RESOLVED SOON.

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18. VIETNAM

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH (7/14) EDIT SAYS VIETS HAVE DONE
ABOUT-FACE IN THEIR POLICY TOWARD US, ANNOUNCING THEY WILL
OPEN FULL DIPLO RELS W/O 1ST RECEIVING RECONSTRUCTION AID.
SAYS GIVEN INSTABILITY AFFLICTING SEASIA, TIES W/US WOULD
BE COUNTERWEIGHT TO SRV'S FOES FOR REGIONAL DOMINANCE.
CONTENDS ONLY PRAGMATIC JUSTIFICATION FOR SETTING UP RELS
W/VN MIGHT BE TO DISCOURAGE SOVIET DOMINANCE OF REGION.
WARNS THAT PROVIDING AID, HOWEVER, MIGHT ENABLE COMMUNISTS
CONSOLIDATE THEIR HOLD/MAKE JOB OF SOVIETS--"WHO ARE QUICK

TO PROVIDE THE GUNS BUT SLOW WITH THE BUTTER"--MUCH
EASIER. CHRISTOPHER

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